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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Supervisors:

**MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY:
FREIGHT ELEVATORS REFURBISHMENT PROJECT
CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 86717
(SECOND DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Authorize the refurbishment of the freight elevators at the Museum of Natural History.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that the proposed project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
2. Approve the refurbishment of the Museum of Natural History's freight elevators at a total project budget of \$1,610,000.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of this recommended action will allow the Internal Services Department (ISD) to proceed with the refurbishment and modernization of the Museum of Natural History's (Museum) two original and historic freight elevators to meet current State elevator operating and safety standards.

In May 2005, your Board approved the transfer of funding to the Museum of Natural History Foundation to secure architectural/engineering services on behalf of the County for refurbishment of the Museum's existing freight elevators to current State safety and

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operating standards. The motors operating the elevators are obsolete and do not possess safety hardware that meet current State safety requirements. These elevators are used by staff for transport of large collection specimens and exhibit maintenance and present a life safety concern. Additionally, elements of these elevators are part of the historic fabric of the building, and need to be preserved to the extent possible within the modernization process.

The project scope includes the refurbishment of the historic fabric and modernization of the two freight elevator's original infrastructure system. Safety related features include adding automated leveling, fire fighters recall, automated door opening and closing in the elevators, automated push button controls, and new energy efficient drive systems.

The proposed refurbishment project will be managed by ISD and is anticipated to be completed in June 2009.

Green Building/Sustainable Design

The project will support the intent of your Board's Green Building/Sustainable Design (GB/SD) Policy to the extent feasible, by recycling demolition materials and by the use of construction materials that are composed, in part, of recycled materials. The recycling of demolition materials and the use of new construction materials composed mainly of recycled metals support the GB/SD policy by reducing the amount of demolition materials that would otherwise be disposed in landfills, reducing the consumption of natural resources, which, in turn, reduces carbon emissions. In addition, the new elevators will be more energy efficient and will reduce energy consumption.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs that we enhance the quality and productivity of the County Workforce (Goal 2). The proposed project supports this goal by providing a quality and efficient work environment for the Museum's employees. A quality and efficient work environment supports Museum staff in providing Excellent Service (Goal 1).

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The estimated total project cost of the Museum's Freight Elevators Refurbishment Project, including elevator modernization and cab restoration is \$1,610,000, funded by prior year net County cost and Vehicle License Fee Gap Loan Funds. The project budget also includes \$88,000 transferred to the Natural History Museum Foundation for the architectural design. Sufficient funds are available in the FY 2008-09 Capital Projects/Refurbishments Budget (Capital Project No. 86717) to fully fund the project.

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FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

ISD will issue a work order to a qualified contractor to provide the construction of the project through the Job Order Contract (JOC) and Master Agreement programs previously approved by your Board. The construction is scheduled to commence upon your Board's approval and will be completed in June 2009.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

This project is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to the State Guidelines Section 15301 (a) and Class 1, Subsection (d) of the County of Los Angeles Revised Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987. Under this categorical exemption, interior and exterior alterations of a building involving such things as plumbing, electrical conveyances, heating, and refrigeration systems are exempt.

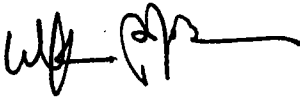
IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

All work on this project will be performed during regular work hours. Because the modernization work will be done on one elevator at a time, there will be a minimum impact to County employees and no impact of services provided to the public.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted, stamped copy of this letter to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Projects Division, and one to the Museum of Natural History.

Respectfully submitted,



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